
By: **Chairman, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request
- Departmental - Business and Economic Development)**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Information Act - Business and Economic Development**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a custodian to deny inspection of certain parts of a
4 public record that contains certain financial or commercial information that is
5 subject to negotiations by the Department of Business and Economic
6 Development; authorizing a custodian to withhold certain information that is
7 subject to final approval by the Legislative Policy Committee of the General
8 Assembly; and generally relating to the authority of a custodian of public
9 records to permit or deny inspection of all or part of the public records under the
10 Maryland Public Information Act.

11 BY adding to

12 Article - State Government

13 Section 10-618(l)

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article - State Government**

19 10-618.

20 (L) A CUSTODIAN MAY DENY INSPECTION OF ANY PART OF A PUBLIC RECORD
21 THAT CONTAINS INFORMATION RELATED TO A PROPOSAL FOR FINANCIAL OR
22 COMMERCIAL ASSISTANCE GENERATED, RECEIVED, OR IN THE PROCESS OF BEING
23 NEGOTIATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, IF
24 THE PUBLIC RECORD WAS GENERATED, RECEIVED, OR IN THE PROCESS OF BEING
25 NEGOTIATED PRIOR TO:

26 (1) THE EXECUTION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND
27 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ALL OTHER PARTIES TO THE PROPOSED FINANCIAL

1 OR COMMERCIAL ASSISTANCE OF ALL FINAL COMMITMENT LETTERS RELATED TO
2 THE PROPOSED FINANCIAL OR COMMERCIAL ASSISTANCE; OR

3 (2) THE FINAL APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED FINANCIAL OR
4 COMMERCIAL ASSISTANCE BY THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE
5 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IF THAT APPROVAL IS REQUIRED BY LAW.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 July 1, 2003.